

REMARKS

In the Office action, claims 17, 27, 30, 146, 174 and 177 are allowable.

Claims 101 and 125 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 175 and 176 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 101 and 175 are herein amended. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

Claims 17, 27, 30, 101, 125, 146 and 174-177 are pending in the case.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 101 and 125 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

On behalf of Applicants, the undersigned greatly appreciate the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Claim 101 is herein amended as the Examiner suggested.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, of claim 1 and claim 125, which is dependent from claim 1, be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 175 and 176 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 175 is herein amended as the Examiner suggested.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 of claim 175 and claim 176, which is dependent from claim 175, be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.

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